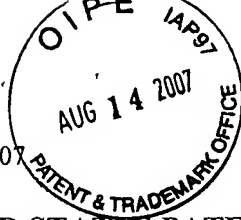


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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter; and
- (2) Response and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111.

If an Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136 is required and has not been separately petitioned, please consider this Transmittal Letter as including a petition for such Extension of Time and as a further authorization to charge any fee for such Extension of Time, as may be required by 37 CFR §1.17, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112. Also, please charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this matter to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 16, 2007.

The three month shortened statutory period to respond to the Office Action was set to expire August 16, 2007.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the July 24<sup>th</sup> interview with Applicant's representative.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.